

Senate Steering Committee Minutes
November 2, 2017
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
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Attendees: Ana Spiguel, Kent Fuchs, Angela Lindner, Sylvain Dore, David Reed, Ann Wehmeyer, Sue Alvers, Melissa Johnson, Ray Thomas, Nicole Stedman, Katie Vogel-Anderson, David Quillen, Susan Schaffer, Paul Duncan, Meera Sitharam and Joe Glover.

David Quillen called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and the October minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

David Quillen, Chair

- Distributed a document that compared the top 10 public universities' employer contributions into employee retirement that he research from the web. This is an important issue that the Welfare Council is reviewing.
- Recommended that the Senate rename the Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations and Standards Committee.
- Recommended that the Senate dissolve the Compensation Committee because of the overlap of duties with the Welfare Council.

President's Report

Kent Fuchs, President

- Reported that the university plans to ask the legislature to add \$76M to the base budget. UF plans are to focus on increasing the size of faculty, compensating employees and concentrate more on graduate and professional degrees.
- Will request \$30M for deferred maintenance and also ask for funds for two new buildings: renovate/add on/build new Music Building and the Information Science Building.
- Sylvain Dore reminded the committee that when recruiting faculty, we must also consider funding their support teams.

Provost's Report

Joe Glover, Provost

- Rebecca Nagy, Harn Art Museum Director, is retiring. Provost Glover is in the process of setting up the search committee with Angel Kwolek-Folland as chair.

Graduate Council

**Paul Duncan, Sr. Associate Dean
Graduate School**

- [Change MA in DAS from 36 to 30 credits](#)
 - MA Digital Arts & Science is requesting to decrease credits
- Terminate Master of Science in Nursing
 - Requesting to terminate the Master of Science in Nursing

Name Change

- [Dept of Health Outcomes and Policy](#)

Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

Constitution Committee Report

- Approved the name change of the “Honorary Degrees, Distinguished Alumnus Awards and Memorials Committee” to “Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Awards Committee”.
- Constitution Committee recommended that all councils and committees have standard operating procedures.

Ana Spiguel, Liaison
Constitution Committee

[Resolution in opposition to legislation allowing computer coding courses to substitute for foreign language study](#)

- This resolution was approved by the Academic Policy Council and ready to go before the Faculty Senate Committee.

Susan Schaffer, Chair
Academic Policy Council

Faculty Honors and Awards

- The university is working on ways to increase honors and awards for faculty.
- Plans are to find ways to centrally assist chairs and deans to nominate faculty for awards.

David Reed, Provost Fellow

Council Reports

Budget Council

- Budget Council has not met since the last Steering Committee meeting.
- Plans are to extend financial transparency for central administration and auxiliaries.
- The council will discuss effort reporting at the November meeting.

Meera Sitharam, Chair

Research and Policy Council

- SCORS reviewed the University Libraries Committee’s current draft on the Open Access Publishing Fund Policies and Procedures. After discussion, the council requested that the ULC drop funding support for hybrid journals.

Sylvain Dore, Vice Chair

Infrastructure Council

- Kenneth Allen, Division of Public Safety, is the Infrastructure Council’s guest for its November meeting to discuss creating an online reporting site for campus storm damage.
- Curtis Reynolds will attend the December 14th meeting to discuss deferred maintenance.

Ann Wehmeyer, Chair

Academic Policy Council**Susan Schaffer, Chair**

- Worked on the coding resolution that was on the Steering Committee agenda.
- Joel Brendemuhl gave an update on Academic Integrity Taskforce.
- Council members are attending three vendor webinars to review new course evaluation software.

Welfare Council**Ray Thomas, Member**

- Welfare Council is also part of the group evaluating new course evaluation software.
- HR is hiring a compensation consultant
- Software called “Alex” is available on the HR website to assist employees in choosing the best benefit company for their needs.
- Discussion continued on issues with PeopleFirst.
- The university has eight lactation stations spread around campus.

The Steering Committee approved the November 16, 2017 Faculty Senate agenda after revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.